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A Correction.

In our issue of March 3rd, we published an article criticising the proposition made by the Southern Bell Telephone Company to business men interested in a telephone line between Monterey and Staunton. It seems that in drawing our conclusions as to the advantages set forth in a subscription list sent out by that company we misconstrued its true meaning and gave as our version that if anything should be lost the subscribers would be the losers, but if any amount was gained they were not to share in it.

This statement inadvertently made was erroneous and the purpose of the subscription paper, which we now believe fair enough is as follows:

The people to be benefited by the enterprise will show their faith in the success of the same and at the same time insure a moderate income to the company from the use of the line during a period of two or three years by subscribing certain amounts ranging anywhere from five dollars upwards, to be expended during the term of years in the use of the line, that they will put up the capital necessary for the construction of the line. The subscription paper provides that the amounts thus subscribed shall not be paid to the telephone company until after the line has been constructed and is in operation. Then, and not until then, each individual whose name is found on the subscription paper will be given a supply of coupons to the full amount of his subscription which coupons will be accepted in the payment of tolls for the use of the line during the period specified in the subscription paper, usually two years, sometimes three years.

Thus the subscribers run no risk whatever; their money cannot be paid over to the Telephone Company until the enterprise has been carried to completion; and after that the coupons given them in lieu of their money subscriptions are just as good in payment for conversations over the line as the money, and they are given a term of years in which to use up their coupons. They thus run no risks whatever of losing their money in the first instance until the line is in operation, and after that they can recoup themselves to the full extent of their subscriptions in use of the line. All the Telephone Company gains by the execution of such subscription paper is to know that there is a demand for such a line, and that they will certainly derive a certain revenue from it during a period of two or three years. If the aggregate amount of the subscriptions are sufficient to make up a fair proportion of the revenues which the line must bring in order to afford a moderate interest on the investment the Company would then come forward and invest their money in the enterprise. Otherwise they would believe that there was not sufficient demand for a line to justify them in investing their money. If the people of Monterey and the adjacent territory are sufficiently interested in the establishment of such a line this is the cheapest way in which they can secure it; and while they have no share in the profits that may be derived from such a line, they are, on the other hand, not asked to assume any risk, whatever, but the amounts of their subscriptions are merely put up as a loan to the Telephone Company to be repaid to them in service.

The dangers of the ocean, though lessened by many modern appliances for safety, still remain a terrible reality. The White Star freight steamer Naronic, which has been missing for more than six weeks, was undoubtedly lost at sea on February 19, with every soul on board. A letter in a bottle picked up on the Virginia coast contained information to the effect that the vessel was struck by an iceberg, in a storm in which the lifeboats were useless, and sank after floating two hours.—Staunton News.

Investigating the Past Administration.

Scandals involving the officials of the late republican administration are coming to the surface with alarming frequency these days. One that is almost embarrassing because of the nearness of those concerned therein to ex-President Harrison, is that unearthed by Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle, relating to the manner in which ex-Secretary of State Foster, is squandering the government's money upon a lot of favorites, all on government pay rolls, that he has taken on a junketing trip to Paris, ostensibly to aid him in the Behring Sea arbitration. As specimens of this pleasure party these two will suffice, giving a fair idea of the whole business: Major Halford was made paymaster in the army at a salary of \$2,500 a year as a reward for his services as Mr. Harrison's private Secretary, and was ordered to Paris to remain during the arbitration although no one could see the necessity for an army paymaster at that place. Mr. Foster, who is U. S. Agent at a compensation named by himself while Secretary of State, wished the Major to have a good time so he ordered that he should be allowed from the State department funds \$15 a day for expenses. J. Stanley Brown, who was Garfield's private secretary, draws \$10 a day as a regular employee of the State Department, but having ordered him to Paris Mr. Foster directed that he also should receive \$15 a day for expenses in addition to his regular salary. There are a number of others treated equally liberally. Another scandal exists in the weather bureau and Secretary Morton is now investigating charges of general cussedness against some of its most prominent officials that are almost certain to result in a number of dismissals. According to these charges the crookedness began from the time the bureau was transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and never stopped.

Stock Law.

The citizens in the larger portion of Highland have, in the mode prescribed by law, availed themselves of the benefits of what is commonly called the "stock law."

On the 22nd day of Sept., 1890, the Board of Supervisors declared certain boundary lines including the Bullpasture from the S. & P. road northward to the Pendleton county line a lawful fence as to hogs. On the 27th day of June, 1892, said Board declared certain boundaries embracing the Cowpasture from the S. & P. road northward to the Pendleton county line a lawful fence as to cattle, sheep and hogs; and on the 27th day of Nov., 1892, said Board declared the S. & P. road on the South of the top of Lantz Mountain on the west, the W. Va. State line on the north and the Monterey Dist. line on the east to be a lawful fence as to hogs. The law is now in force as to all the above named boundaries except the last named which will be in force on and after the expiration of six months from the 27th day of November, 1892.

And for the guidance of those concerned we give below Sec. 2050 of the code in relation to trespassers:

If any of the said animals, to which the boundaries of the lots or tracts of land in any county constitutes a lawful fence, shall be found going at large within such county, district, or portion of such county, or upon the lands of any person other than the owner, the owner or manager of said animals shall be liable for all damages or injury done by said animals to the owner of the crops or lands upon which they may trespass, whether the said animals wander from the premises of their owner in the county in which the trespass was committed or from another county: Provided, that when the boundaries of lots or tracts of land in only one of two adjoining counties shall constitute a lawful fence and any of the said animals shall escape across the line or boundary of the two counties, the owner of such animals shall not be liable to the fine imposed by section twenty hundred and forty-two, nor for any trespass committed by such animal upon the lands lying next to such line or boundary, nor to a forfeiture of the animal, unless the land upon which the trespass is alleged to have been committed shall be enclosed, as provided in section twenty hundred and thirty-eight.

The administration and democrats generally are delighted with the March statement of the condition of the Treasury. It was, of course, known beforehand that the payments for the month would necessarily be unusually large, but it was not known, or even guessed at by Secretary Foster that the March receipts would be some millions in excess of his estimates. As a result, instead of the whole in the available cash anticipated on account of the big March payments \$1,500,000, was added to the surplus, and the free gold, now near \$8,000,000, continues to accumulate. Secretary Carlisle has received many congratulations upon his first months showing, which but tends to confirm the general belief that he would make a successful Secretary of the Treasury.

President Cleveland told Senator Roach, of North Dakota, that no faction of the party in any State will receive recognition to the discrimination of another, faction, but that the ability and character of the applicant will decide all appointments. By the way, speaking of Senator Roach the impression seems to be general that nothing more will be heard in the Senate of Mr. Hoars resolution to investigate newspaper charges against Mr. Roach.

No time is being wasted by 4th assistant Postmaster-General Maxwell. The task of putting democrats in charge of all fourth class postoffices is gigantic, but it will in time be accomplished. The average of new democratic appointments is already well over one hundred a day, the highest number yet appointed in a single day by Mr. Maxwell being 188.

Unless some sort of a compromise can be reached the republicans holding Federal offices in Kansas are safe to enjoy their snaps for some time to come, as President Cleveland has directed that no appointments be made in that State until it can be satisfactorily arranged whether the fusionists or the straight-outs are to be given control, or a division made between them. While Mr. Cleveland wants to do the square thing by both sides it is an open secret that his personal feeling are all on the side of the straight-outs.

A number of newspapers, prominent among them being the New York Sun, seems to find lots of amusement in the name, Hoke Smith. Columns upon columns of cheap wit and humorous doggerel have been written on this prolific theme and still the writing goes on with unabated zeal. We confess our sense of the ludicrous must be entirely lacking if one must be amused at the efforts to poke fun at the new secretary of the interior on account of his name. General Robert Hoke was a gallant Confederate general, and we have never heard his name commented upon in any way for any peculiarity. Perhaps Mr. Smith was not named for him, but he bears the same name. Surely there are in public life, and have been during the past century many combinations of names more odd and more ludicrous than this. Will the papers please give Mr. Smith and the public a rest.—News.

The Canine Came Near Proving His Own Arrenger.

James Moran, of Gowan, N. J., had a dog which he wished to kill. He took the animal to the woods, and after tying a stick of dynamite with a cap and ignited fuse attached to the dog, he started for home. He had not proceeded far when he noticed the dog at his heels. Moran was almost paralyzed. He had forgotten to tie the canine before leaving him to be blown to atoms. He turned on the dog and pelted him with stones in an effort to drive him back to the woods. The animal, however, instead of running back, made a bee line for home. Seeing the danger he was exposing his family to, Moran called the dog to him. The poor animal obediently turned back, but had not gone far when the cap exploded and doggy was blown to atoms. The master was covered with pieces of the flesh, but escaped fortunately uninjured.—Ex.

The exhibition at the World's Fair of the original copies of the copies of the declaration of independence and of the United States constitution has been abandoned. Many historical societies protested against the removal of the documents, on account of the danger of their being damaged or destroyed. Secretary Gresham practically decided against their removal.

Women will play a very important part in the municipal election to be held in Kansas on the 6th of April. The registration closed on Saturday last, and an immense number of women have qualified themselves to vote by registering. In the larger towns and cities of Kansas the registration of women is very heavy, being from one-half to one-third of the total registration. In Topeka, for instance, out of 10,000 registered voters, 4,000 are women, and in Kansas City, Kansas, out of 12,000 voters 3,500 are women. Just what this means for the Populists election day will disclose. The republicans are making extraordinary efforts to recover their lost ground in the bleeding State.—State.

Don't You?

When you want newspaper favors, you strike your "home paper" don't you?

If you want your town boomed and your property increased in value you expect your home paper to do it for nothing, don't you?

Yet you kick because your home paper hasn't as much reading matter as a city paper, don't you?

And yet you preclude the home paper from thinking the town is a good place for it by not giving it sufficient patronage, don't you?

You are mighty free about telling what a good thing for a town a home paper is, but are backward when it comes to helping that paper with the cash, ain't you?

You are mighty anxious to have the home paper spend money with you, but are careful to spend as little as possible with it, ain't you?

The home paper don't charge you interest on back subscription, but you wait till the last thing before paying it, don't you?

Do you think a publisher can live on promises and pay his bills with the same material?

Do you think he can forever digest the fact that his paper is a "good thing for the country," and not receive anything in return? He can't do it, can he?—Ex.

Revolt of Esquimaux.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Peter Mesher who represents at least 5 of the Esquimaux in the village, has made application in the Circuit Court for a writ of habeas corpus to release certain residents of the village, who allege that they are being detained against their will and are not being well treated.

It is alleged that they are compelled to remain in their stuffy huts and wear their heavy sealskin clothing in warm weather. Several have made their escape.

Mr. Porter, attorney for the complainants, says that the Esquimaux Village Company has a contract with these people which was made on foreign waters and is, therefore, clearly illegal. This fact, he is certain, can be established. The contract is one for common labor and provides that for the entire three years the Esquimaux are under contract. Each head of a family is to receive \$100 in cash and \$100 worth of supplies.

Mr. Daniels, of the Esquimaux Company, denies the stories of ill-treatment, and says that none of his charges have been locked up. But on this latter point Mr. Porter is confirmed by Col. Edmund Riet, of the Columbian Guards. A number of the natives who were seen today either could not understand the queries put to them regarding their alleged ill-treatment, or were too sullen over the matter to say anything.—State.

BATH ITEMS.

BOLAR, VA., Mar. 25, 1893.—News is scarce here. Most farmers are busy plowing for corn and other crops.

Mrs. Jos. W. Burns is complaining.

Mrs. Crawford Stephenson, who has been seriously ill for some time is convalescent.

Miss Fannie Cleek, who has been dangerously ill near Lexington, is reported better.

Mr. David Cleek and wife of Mountain Grove, are visiting relatives near Cleek's Mill.

Mrs. Daniel Woodzelle, of near Cleek's Mill, is visiting her son who resides near Williamsville.

Miss Hattie Trainer, of Burns-ville, is visiting friends in the valley.

Geo. L. Eakle and wife are visiting friends on Jackson's River.

S. J. Trainer expects to remain in the Valley this summer.

Rev. Mr. Good preached an excellent sermon at the Branch school house, on the 20th.

A young gentleman from Richmond has contracted to rebuild and enlarge a portion of the Clerk's Office at Warm Springs. He is an excellent workman.

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In vacation:—In the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Highland county, March 30th, 1893.

David W. Bratton, Plaintiff, against Stephen B. Bradshaw and others, Deft., in Chancery.

The object of this suit is to ascertain the liens, with their priorities, upon the lands of S. B. Bradshaw, in Highland county, and to enforce payment of same by sale of said lands as may be directed by Court.

And it appearing by affidavit filed that J. C. Graham, a defendant in this case, is not a resident of this State; it is ordered that he do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Testa: J. C. Matheny, Clerk. J. W. Stephenson, p. q. mar31 4t

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